

CUSTOMS MEN SEEK PRECIOUS STONES

Warned to Watch for the
Coming of Carmino.

DREAMED OF RICH SEIZURE

Suspect Rushed to Public Stores—Ex-
pectations Prove False as Bot-
tom to His Trunk.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—What several Treasury agents and customs inspectors believed would prove one of the biggest seizures on record at this port was attempted yesterday.

For days they have been planning how best to act upon information received from Italy, to the effect that one of the saloon passengers of the Italian liner Perugia, bound for New York, was illicitly loaded down with precious stones, which he would forget all about when it came to making his declaration.

The Perugia got in from Naples yesterday with the suspect aboard in the person of Signor Alphonse Grandi di Carmino. The Signor will never forget his welcome to America. He was among the first to land, and no sooner did he set foot ashore than he approached one of the inspectors and asked to be shown to the place on the pier where passengers whose names begin with "C" are supposed to have their luggage examined.

Walks Up to Inspector.

No sooner did the Signor make the request than a quartet of customs inspectors stepped up and showed him the way, not to the space allotted to the letter "C," but to the public stores in Christopher Street, a few blocks distant from the pier. Signor Carmino was not a bit anxious to visit the public stores, but the customs men were obdurate. On the way he found out why he was making such an unexpected visit.

More than a week ago a letter was received from one of the United States Treasury agents in Italy, which stated that Signor Carmino was coming over on the Perugia and that he was bringing diamonds, emeralds, and rubies without number into the United States.

The result was that acting on orders from Deputy Collector Bishop, the detention of Treasury agents and customs inspectors went to the Perugia's pier to welcome the Signor, and it was when they found out that he had forgotten to say anything about owning any precious stones that they decided to escort him to the public stores.

Examining the Trunk.

One lone trunk was the extent of the Signor's baggage. This trunk was sent on ahead, and when the agents and the Italian reached the stores it was waiting for them. Every garment in the trunk was taken out and examined, but no sign of a smuggled article was discovered. The shirts and trousers and coats were neatly packed, but the pack-

Weary, He Dropped Before Freight Train

Michael Gambar, Aged Wanderer, With
Family Dead, Sought Death Under
Locomotive Wheels.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 27.—Famished from hunger and ill from exposure, Michael Gambar, an aged and homeless man, sank down before an oncoming freight train at Commercial Street and the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad here, and was rescued from death beneath the wheels of the train by Patrolman Schron.

It is believed that the old man had planned to end his life, but this he would not admit. He declared he was unable to walk any farther. His tale was a pathetic one, of a life destroyed by the ruthless hand of death and of misfortune in a financial way.

Past Seventies.

Gambar is past the seventies. Not long ago his wife died, following by but a few months the death of their only child. Grief had preyed upon his mind and it was a pure case of a heart broken. Gambar said, He, too, lost his health about the same time through his own grief, and likewise lost his position, which, while it was one requiring but little work, had been sufficient to keep the wolf from the door of the family.

His small savings vanished in paying the expenses of burying his wife and child, and he became a homeless wanderer.

Scrap for Food.

During the past few weeks he has been trading about the streets, shivering at night upon park benches or seek-

ing the friendly but infrequent shelter of a freight car. His food was insufficient, little as he needed, and consisted of scraps which he was able to pick up here and there. In reality he was starving in a great city with plenty all about him.

About 6 o'clock last night his wanderings took him to the railroad, where he had in view, he said, the finding of an open freight car where he could rest for the night. A freight train was puffing toward him, the engineer tooting his whistle for the crossing. Perhaps some thought of the bitterness of his existence brought to the old vagrant's mind a desire for death.

Rescued in Time.

He staggered for an instant and then fell to the tracks, his body lying across the rails of the approaching train. He lay quiet, apparently making no attempt to reach a point of safety. Patrolman Schron on his beat but a short distance away, saw him fall.

With bounds and leaps he reached the stricken form, dragged it from the tracks. An instant later the train swept by, the brakes grinding upon the wheels and the engineer whistling furiously. A light, which may have been one of gratitude now that death had been avoided, gleamed in the old man's eyes. If he had meant to die the proximity of death brought to him a realization of the sweetness of life.

Schron realized that the man was not in a condition to be wandering about and he sent him to the City Hospital.

DUCTION IN CITY ONE DAY.

Deputy Recorder of Deeds Dutton, who is spending his vacation at Cape May, was in Washington yesterday and at his office. He will, however, return today to Cape May, where he will remain for a week or more before returning to his desk for work.

TELLS TALES LIKE WALTON

Man Who Draws \$50,000 a Year Takes
to Rural District for a
Vacation.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 27.—From office of county auditor, worth \$50,000 a year, to a job as farm hand at \$20 a month and found, seems like a pretty far step, yet it is just what Auditor Wright has taken.

He returned to the court house yesterday after an absence of a week, during which time he worked out on a Lake county farm. His reward for his week's work was simply his three meals a day and a bed at night.

"The farmer offered me \$20 a month and my board if I would hire out for the summer, and that is just what I'd do if I were not tied down here," remarked Wright to a circle of friends yesterday. "I'd rather work at that rate on a farm than work in the county auditor's office for \$100 a week," continued the auditor.

Not Much Comparison.

"How would you compare the farm job with the one worth \$50,000 a year?" inquired a bystander, at which there was a laugh. "Well, that is a fortune in itself," said Wright, meditatively. "You see, \$50,000 a year is a big sum of money to give an official, but I am glad to get it, all right. Seeing that the people, or, more correctly, the Legislature, is foolish enough to pay that much to this office, why, I would rather get it than any man I know. It is not right, of course it isn't. But it is legal, and some one must draw it."

Wright said that the first day of his bucolic existence he engineered a big roller over several acres of fertile land. After that initiation into the mysteries and pleasures of agriculture, the auditor rapidly acquired the skill and experience of a real farmer.

"The farmer asked me if I had ever plowed," said Wright in recounting his rural triumphs. "I told him 'no,' but that was no reason why I should not try. 'Watch me,' he said, and then he plowed one furrow around the field, I following and noticing the technique of the art. Then I took hold of the plow handles and plowed four acres in two days. Never had the least bit of trouble catching on, either. I dug and picked up ten acres of potatoes. Lemme see, how many bushels? Well, there were ten barrels, that's ten times four—that's it."

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"Anyway, there were the potatoes in the ground when I got there and when I finished, they were all in barrels and no one had anything to do with the thing but me. Well, yes, maybe the farmer who planted them had a share in the potato success. But a farmer's life is the only way to exist, I tell you. That's my choice."

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HER CAT PARADISE IS TO MOVE WEST

Maiden Lady With Her One Hundred and Eighty Felines
Has to Change Her New York Residence.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The near neighbors of Miss Ewen of 105 East One and First Street are congratulating themselves that she and all of her household of cats, variously estimated at from 80 to 180, are to move on September 1.

They attribute her intended removal directly to their petition to the board of health and to their persistent knocking to the agent of the house. "They had all threatened to move unless Miss Ewen was dispossessed."

"Yes, I expect to move," said Miss Ewen. "I shall go somewhere on the West Side, where my friends are, and where people can sympathize with my love for cats. What harm do my cats do anybody?"

Miss Ewen is benevolently inclined toward all dumb animals; but cats, she says, are her particular hobby, because she hates the idea of a cat suffering. They, she says, organized a band of mercy among the boys, and they bring her cats that are ill and unhappy and unable to make a living in a great city.

Reforms Bad Ones.

"We don't say anything against Miss Ewen personally," said another of the neighbors, "and she feeds those cats perfectly grand, but the music at night is something dreadful."

Miss Ewen maintains that the cats go to sleep early in the evening and slumber sweetly all night. One of her aims is to reform bad cats, and such as were waifs and rakes in the city streets taste at Miss Ewen's once more the joys of gentle domesticity. After rearing them to health and good habits, with the assistance of a staff of servants, Miss Ewen suffers families in need of cats to adopt some of them, not, however, without previously investigating the families, unsympathetically.

Miss Ewen makes all these humanitarian, whom she pays for every cat they bring, sign a pledge reading, "I will try to be kind to all living creatures, and will try to protect them from cruel usage." This is printed on a card beside a picture of a big dog and a small cat fraternizing. On the back of the pledge card are these recommendations:

"Please don't kill the birds, or rob their nests.
"Please don't abuse the cats, but shelter and feed them.
"Please be kind to the dogs and give them water."

One of the favorite games of the very bad boys of the neighborhood is to stand in front of Miss Ewen's house in the gloaming and sing:

"Oh, how, puss, puss,
Here's meat, meat, meat!
Has anybody seen our cat?
Has anybody seen our cat?
It was last Sunday morning,
We missed him from the mat."

PRODUCES PETROLEUM BY CHEMICAL METHOD

Action of Hydrogen on Acetylene at
High Temperature Brings Forth
Finished Product.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—M. Sebatier, the French scientist, has discovered a method of producing artificial petroleum by the action of hydrogen on acetylene, at a temperature of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, and the addition of pulverized nickel.

The result is said to be identical with the American natural product.

While the process has not yet been perfected to the extent of making it financially profitable, it is believed that further experiments will bring about this result and even reduce the cost below that of the natural.

"HIAWATHA" BOOKINGS CANCELED IN THE SOUTH

The engagement made by members of the S. Taylor-Coleridge Choral Society, of Washington, to present "Hiawatha," in Richmond, Va., Monday night, and latter in Norfolk, Va., and other Southern cities, has been canceled, much to the regret of people interested in the cities named.

Through some misunderstanding it was believed that "Hiawatha" would be sung by the S. Taylor-Coleridge Choral Society, and the persons in Richmond and Norfolk, who backed the enterprise, criticized that organization because of the canceling of the engagement. It is understood, however, that the engagement was not made under authority of the organization, which is perhaps the most noted colored singing society in the country, but by some of the members of the organization.

There is no dissention among the members of the local organization because of the canceling of the engagement.

WITNESSES HID INSIDE A CLOSET

Mrs. Mullette Thereby Gets
Evidence of Bigamy.

HER HUSBAND'S CONFESSION

Two Heard Same Story and Waited
for Man to Snore, When They
Went Home.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—By hiding two women friends in a clothes closet at night and then inducing her husband to talk of his past, Mrs. Bertrand Mullette secured evidence which caused Justice Wolff to hold Mullette for the criminal court. The charge against him is bigamy.

Mrs. Mullette cautioned her friends not to venture out until they heard her husband snore. Not until 2 a. m. did Miss Ettinger hear the welcome sound. On the night Mrs. Giles was hidden in the closet Mullette snored before midnight.

"I had been in the closet only a short time," said Miss Ettinger, "when Mr. Mullette came. Mrs. Mullette immediately began to draw the topic of conversation around to his former life, married another wife."

Married Another Wife.

"He told her that he inadvertently had married another woman before he met his present wife, and that the other person was still living and not divorced from him."

"Mrs. Mullette had told me not to attempt to leave until I heard her husband snore, but he continually moved in his sleep. Would you believe it, judge, it was 2 o'clock in the morning before that man snored a single note. When I heard the welcome sound I clambered over a trunk and got out of my unpleasant position and went home."

"He made a similar confession while I was hidden in the same closet the following night," said Mrs. Giles.

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